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PRODUCTION OF OPIUM
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the licensed farming areas for cultivation (in hectares) and the production of opium is on the rise in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of production of opium taken place in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether any scheme is being formulated by Government to reduce the farming areas and production of opium; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAYANT SINHA)

(a) & (b) State-wise area Licensed for cultivation (in hectares) of opium in the crop years 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 is as under:

	MP	Rajasthan	UP	Total
2013-14	3193	2687	13	5893
2012-13	3192	2642	25	5859
2011-12	13271	10215	105	23591

State-wise area of opium cultivation Harvested (in hectares) in the crop years 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 is as under:

	MP	Rajasthan	UP	Total
2013-14	2824	2504	1	5329
2012-13	3084	2529	6	5619
2011-12	6522	5542	28	12092

State-wise Opium production (MT) at 70Â° consistence in the crop years 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 is as under:

	MP	Rajasthan	UP	Total
2013-14	159.4	158.4	0.06	318
2012-13	198	173	0.3	371
2011-12	422	371	1	794

(c) No such scheme is being formulated by the Government to reduce the farming areas and production of opium. The area to be brought under opium cultivation is dependent upon the demand of opium for medical and scientific reasons in domestic and international market.

(d) Does not arise.